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### TUCUMCARI H. S. WIN TWO AND LOSE ONE--AT BASKET BALL

The basket ball games of the past week were well attended and those who know say they were the best so far this season.

Raton had a large well-trained team of boys and for a time the home boys were not so sure whether they would come out victorious or not. The teamwork was far better than usual and Fausnacht played a star game at guard and it is said his forward did not throw a goal, while Fausnacht succeeded in caging two. Gentry had a hard man to hold and only two or three times did he succeed in working away from Raton. Towered head and shoulders above Gentry, Jackson and Wharton played their usual star game and were there at all times ready to meet their opponents and throw basket after basket, being responsible for most of the scores of the home team. Dixon was better than usual and succeeded in throwing several goals. The visitors were fast and well drilled in passing the ball from one to the other and carrying it across the field toward their goal but could not find the basket when the opportunity presented itself, but every man on the team was in the game all the time from the beginning to the end and the home boys earned every score they secured. Although the home team won by a goodly margin of 9 points, it looked like it was "anybody's" game until the final whistle blew calling time for the finish of the last half.

The standing of the score at the end showed Tucumcari had 28 while Raton had but 19.

The following night, the greatly heralded teams of Portales arrived with victory as their watchword, and when the Tucumcari fans saw the Portales girls they felt the same way. It is evident that Roosevelt county does not only raise the largest agricultural products of the state but she also has a banner crop of great big young ladies if all the rest down that way are as large as the samples sent up here to play our little girls. We thought one or two in Tucumcari's team were pretty fair size, but they looked like midgets when they lined up for the first game and this alone shows they had nerve to tackle the job.

The first half was fast but Portales out-played the local team and took a good lead. Tucumcari forwards had little chance to try for goals as the ball was in Portales territory most of the time, and those forwards from the capital city of Roosevelt could certainly put the ball in the basket.

Tucumcari shifted her line-up for the second half and it looked like Portales was in for a beating after all. The Portales coach who was refereeing, evidently thought the same way. After cautioning the local team for oversteering, she was blind to the fact that Portales guards were fouling at every time the Tucumcari forwards tried for a goal. They not only pushed and interfered but they would deliberately knock the ball out of our forwards' hands. Those along the side line protested but their protests were unheeded and the game ended with Portales holding about the same lead they secured in the first half, defeating Tucumcari by 12 points, the score standing 41 to 29.

Those girls are basketballers and it was no dishonor to let a team of that kind win, but it's not fair to let one team play by the boys' rules and make the other play by the girls' rules.

The boys from Portales undoubtedly learned quite a bit about the game when they mixed things with the Tucumcari boys. The first half was very tame because the referee was trying to make the boys play a ladies game, but the second half there was something doing all the time and the ball traveled so fast the spectators could hardly see it. Tucumcari's center, Clyde Jackson, would throw the ball from one side of the court to the other and when things quieted down for a second, he still had the ball. He played the fastest and best game of any man on the floor, although during the last half the home team played like clock works, but did not take time when trying for a goal therefore missed time and again when it looked like a sure goal. On of the most amusing events of the evening was the playing of Jacobs as guard. He is a powerfully built young man and all efforts to take the ball away from him were of no avail. He cast his opponents aside as though they were mere babes and threw the ball wherever he pleased, except in the basket, but he recovered the ball from the opponents and the forward who played against him was surely glad to hear time called in the last half. Jacobs did not pay much attention to anything but the ball and did not use rough tactics only such as a broncho would use to free itself from a would-be rider, and this is what happened several times when the Portales men would try to block Jacobs from throwing the ball.

During the first half Portales made 12 points, only throwing one goal, the others were made on free throws. In the second the visitors succeeded in caging five goals from the field and

four free throws. Tucumcari threw six goals from the field in the first half and made five free throws. During the second half they caged eleven goals and made three free ones. The score in the end was Tucumcari 42, Portales 26.

### MUSICAL COMEDIES ALL NEXT WEEK AT THE OPERA HOUSE

Mr. Hamilton, the manager of the opera house wishes to announce to his friends and patrons that he has secured the Wm. Wamsher Musical Comedy Co., for the week of Jan. 24. This is one of the biggest and best musical comedy company's on the road this season. The production that Mr. Wamsher will present here in Tucumcari are all high class productions and will be seen with all special scenery and beautiful costumes.

The opening play Mr. Wamsher has picked out will be one of his best "The Dashing Widow" throughout the entire play there will be fifteen big song hits. The theatre going people of Tucumcari will also have a chance to see the Wizard of Wiseland again as Mr. Wamsher will present this big fun show during his week's engagement here. Announcements of it will be made later.

The seat sale opened today for the Dashing Widow so those who have not gotten their seats reserved now, had better get them as this will be your only chance of seeing this big musical comedy, as Mr. Wamsher is the only one that has the right to produce this dashing play. All of Mr. Wamsher's productions are royalty plays, and in selecting the Dashing Widow he took it with the understanding that he was the only one to produce it.

**FARM BRINGS \$6.50 AN ACRE**  
Adam Long reports the sale of his 480 farm southeast of Tucumcari to Mr. Doak of Silverton, Texas. He received \$6.50 per acre, or \$3120 for the farm together with the improvements thereon. He also sold 28 head of whiteface and durham cows to Mr. Doak for \$1680, or an average of \$60 each.

Mr. Doak will bring about 25 more cows with him from Silverton. He already has 40 head of mares and a fine draft stallion on the farm, shipped here from Texas.

Mr. Long has moved to Tucumcari and will perhaps go into some kind of business.

Ed. Ervin sold his place of 480 acres for \$1800 to a gentleman from Roy who intends to move here sometime in March.

This farm is situated near that formerly owned by Mr. Long but it was not so well improved. These two sales show that the day of cheap land even in Quay county, will soon be a thing of the past and from now on the prices will gradually increase as they have in the east and north.

### CRIMM--WHITMORE

At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John E. Whitmore, on the 18th of January, Rev. B. B. Crimm and Miss Zilla Whitmore were united in the holy bonds of matrimony, Rev. Sam D. Taylor, pastor of the First Baptist church, speaking the solemn words that made them one.

Miss Zilla was reared in this city where she graduated from the high school and also received a splendid musical education, both in voice and piano. For some time she has been teacher in the Baptist Sunday school and church pianist, therefore we not only congratulate Rev. Crimm for getting this splendid young woman as a wife, but also as an efficient helper in his life's work.

Mr. Crimm is well known over the state of New Mexico, having served as Evangelist for the Baptist State Board. His work in the state has gained for him the reputation of being a very strong evangelist. He is now doing independent evangelistic work with headquarters at Marshall, Texas. We wish for this young couple much happiness and success in their life's work.

### MAN DIED FROM INJURIES

C. L. Elledge, of Campana, died in the Tucumcari Hospital last Friday evening from injuries he sustained while working in a well for the railroad company at that place.

He was down in the well and a plank fell from the top and struck Mr. Elledge on the head, fracturing the skull behind the left ear. He was knocked unconscious, but regained enough to assist himself to the train and come to Tucumcari for treatment. When he arrived here it was found his case was hopeless and death was sure but everything to relieve his sufferings was done.

His wife and two children were at once notified and were here when the body was laid to rest in Sunnyside cemetery, Sunday. We understand the wife's parents formerly lived in Obar.

### WATER HIGHEST KNOWN

Phoenix, Ariz., Jan. 19.—Phoenix and Tempe are in danger of inundation by the biggest flood in the history of the Salt River valley. Old timers say the great flood of 1891 is surpassed by the present rush of waters down Salt river, which is expected to reach its crest this afternoon.

Phoenix is threatened from two directions. The reclamation service has men and teams repairing the levee four miles southeast of the city to prevent the Salt river breaking into the Grand canal and sending a flood over the southern and eastern parts of the city. Another reclamation force spent the night working on a levee nine miles northwest of here to prevent the waters of Cave creek sweeping over the north and west sections of the capital city.

There is absolutely no panic and little apprehension. The population is confident that no floods of any consequence will reach the city. It is recognized however, that adobe buildings in the Mexican quarters may melt and go.

Still another levee prevents the Salt river sweeping south of Tempe butte and through town. This levee is in perfect condition and unless the water goes much higher than is expected, Tempe will not suffer.

The storm is over and the sun is shining brightly. The snows in the mountains are still melting and no one can say with certainty when its floods will end.

### MOTHER AND SON DIE

One of the saddest occurrences we have been called upon to chronicle is that of the death of James Burnham which was followed closely by the death of his mother, and the report that the father was seriously sick.

The cause of the deaths was pneumonia. The young man, who was a tower of strength and the picture of health, was taken sick the other day and it was called "grip." He grew worse and a physician was called who pronounced his ailment pneumonia.

Death was the result after only a few days' illness and the sad news soon reached town. The next day a report was circulated that Mrs. Burnham was seriously sick with pneumonia and later her death was reported.

The funerals were held Tuesday and both bodies were buried Tuesday afternoon in Sunnyside cemetery.

The many friends of the family join the News in extending sympathy to those who remain to mourn the loss of mother and son, and hope the father, who is reported sick, will soon recover.

### LEE ROOMING HOUSE

Mrs. L. E. Lee has re-opened the Club Rooms and changed the name of the place to the Lee Rooming House. She has refitted the building throughout with new furniture and everything is clean and sanitary. The walls have been calomined and the floors carpeted and painted. She has nine fitted up for rent and uses the other room for family use. The house is now open and nearly all the rooms spoken for and at the prices charged for them we know she will have little trouble keeping them regularly occupied by a good class of citizens.

### IMPORTANT DECISION

Roswell, N. M., Jan. 16.—When a member of a board of education accepts a position as clerk of the board and receives money for such services, his position as member of the board automatically terminates according to a decision handed down yesterday by Judge J. T. McClure in the district court here. The case was one in which Joe McCain, city treasurer, brought suit to disqualify Mrs. O. R. Haymaker, member of the board, and also a clerk at a salary of \$35 a month.

### LATEST WAR NEWS

Fred Walther, one of our county commissioners hid himself away in his library and after perusing the war news of the daily papers, took up his pen and wrote the following summary and handed it in to our sanctum. We did not give it back but will publish it in full:

"The Germans have taken Pilsener and are now surrounding Delicaten where the worst is expected.

The Belgian Hares have had a falling out with the Welsh Rarebits, and the Swiss cheese is shot full of holes.

This will make the Irish stew and the English mustard, and when the Russian cavalry meets with the big French artillery it will cause a serious mobilization of the forces of the Interior.

The Spanish onions are strong for a mixup and if the Home Preserves are called out and spread over the German noodles, they may ketchup with the navy beans, thereby causing an uprising of the Brussels sprouts."

### SNOWS WELCOMED BY ALL

The much advertised snow has at last arrived and it has done little but snow, then melt, all week. The temperature has not been below zero yet but some report it within six degrees of the cypher mark.

While it makes walking difficult and the sidewalks slippery, the town people are rejoicing with the farmers as this moisture is just what was needed in insure another bumper crop of wheat and bring up the values of land in this part of the new state.

The snow is general and reaches as far west on the E. P. & S. W. as Carrizozo. Floods are reported in Arizona and California, while traffic has been delayed by the immense snows in the northeast, but old Quay county is on the dividing line and usually secured just enough to insure safety and a good crop.

### BURGLARS AT MONTOKA

Tuesday night a bold burglary was committed in the breaking of a pane of the glass front of Kohn Bros. store through which a burglar entered and took about \$7 from the cash drawer, stole some clothing and possibly a number of other things that could not be missed. No doubt the thief had seen the night watchman go in the rear of the store and took advantage of his absence from the front to make his entrance into the store.

The ranch house on the Calisch ranch was entered last Saturday night and several articles stolen therefrom, among which was a shot gun, two six shooters, a shaving set, etc. The property stolen belonged to John Fox and Stanley Calisch.

—Montoka Republican

### BARANCOS ITEMS

We are having some winter weather at present and a good snow along with it, which everybody is glad to see.

Geo. Stratton spent a few days last week with his friend, Earl Gholson.

Dr. Yates and wife of Alpine, Texas, are here visiting their son, Amos. The doctor formerly lived here about nine years ago.

Mrs. Pearl Hill is on the sick list at present.

Wm. Herd, and J. M. Fisher, were business callers at Tucumcari one day last week.

Messrs. Albert and Thos. Clanton, visited their niece, Mrs. H. L. Miller, one day last week.

H. L. Miller was transacting business in Tucumcari one day last week.

L. O. Gore, who has been living near Tucumcari, for some time, has moved on to Grandpa Hill's farm.

Grover Yaws visited at Pearl Hill's last Saturday night.

Grandma Yaws visited with Mrs. H. L. Miller one day last week.

### HOUSE PASSES 640 ACRE HOME-STEAD BILL--NOW UP TO SENATE

#### MORE LANGUAGES NEEDED

Albuquerque, N. M., Jan. 18.—"I was forcibly impressed, as were all the American delegates, by one striking feature of the proceedings of the Pan American Scientific Congress" said President David R. Boyd of the University of New Mexico, who returned home today from Washington, where he represented the university and the state at the great gathering of 4,000 representative men of the American and Latin American nations. "This was the fact that no interpreters were required for our foreign visitors. Every one of them, no matter from what nation—spoke English. Their addresses were delivered in English. Moreover these gentlemen from south of the Rio Grande, their mother languages either Spanish or Portuguese, spoke not only English, but French, often German and Italian. I should say the average was a command of four languages for every one of the foreign delegation. It stood out in forceful contrast with our own delegates—who could speak only the English."

"Our whole methods of teaching foreign languages must be revolutionized. We have been satisfied with a reading knowledge of the language in our schools. We must teach and also know the spoken languages. It is a first essential to further extension of our commercial and social relations with Latin America."

"I found that our University, in installing its school of Latin American training, has joined the pioneers in a movement regarded by the leading men of all the nations affected, as of the utmost importance. The demand for trained men and women for commercial, industrial and educational service in Latin America is far beyond my most liberal estimate. It is almost without limit. Thousands of young men could step into lucrative positions south of the Rio Grande to day had they the training and the knowledge of the nations and peoples that will be given in our own and other schools."

#### EVANS CAFE OPENS

The new cafe, owned by J. E. Evans and located in the building formerly occupied by the Wells Cafe, opened for business today with a good patronage. Workmen have been busily engaged for the past three weeks putting the room in first-class condition to open a new modern dining hall. French-Plate mirrors and ornamental coat and hat hooks were placed all around the room, new furniture and beautiful table sets installed. Mr. Evans says he don't tell his customers what to eat but it is their privilege to ask and secure what they desire to eat.

Chas. H. Knott, formerly of Tucumcari, but now of Douglas, Arizona, was here today enroute home from Chillicothe, Mo., where he had been to visit his wife who lives there. He reports the birth of a son, who only lived but six days. The friends here deeply sympathize with Mr. and Mrs. Knott.

Monroe, Wis.—Willard T. Saucer, known as the "marrying magistrate" refused to marry a woman who cannot bake bread. He asks the bride if she can bake and do house work, and the groom if he has eaten and is satisfied with the woman's cooking. If the answers are unsatisfactory, he refuses to marry them.

The following report may be of interest to a great many in Quay county and adjoining counties. Judge J. D. Cutlip has been devoting much time in writing senators and congressmen to work in behalf of the bill. The following telegram will explain itself and if the Senate Committee reports favorable it will have passed both houses:

Washington, D. C., Jan. 18.—The Ferris bill to create 640 acre stock-raising homesteads on arid, semi-arid and mountainous lands, passed the house of representatives late this afternoon.

The foregoing telegram was sent out by the Associated Press and printed in all the leading dailies.

The following was received by J. D. Cutlip from one of his friends who is now a member of the house of representatives:

Acknowledging yours of the 21st instant, please accept my best wishes for a happy and prosperous new year. I have read with much interest what you say about your homesteads, and will see what I can do when the matter comes up.

Sincerely yours,  
Homer R. Nuss.

Another answer received by Judge Cutlip was as follows:

I thank you for your letter on the 21st ultimo. I would have answered you sooner, but have just returned to my office after a two weeks absence. I will take a hand in the matter you suggest and help it along in any way I can. Very glad indeed to have heard from you, and will gladly do anything in my power to promote your interests at any time.

With best wishes, I am,  
Sincerely yours,  
Adam Littlepage.

#### VILLA GATHERING TROOPS

Douglas, Ariz., Jan. 19.—A second request for permission to send between 600 and 800 Carranza cavalrymen through American territory from Naco, Ariz., to Juarez, Mex., will be presented soon to the state department at Washington, according to Ives G. Lelevier, Carranza consul here. The first request, made last week was refused, it was said, because of the temper of Americans at El Paso, following the massacre of mining men at Santa Ysabel.

Information to the effect that Francisco Villa was assembling his scattered forces with the intention of fortifying himself in the Sierra Madre mountains of Chihuahua, was to be the basis for the second request, it was said. The cavalrymen which the de facto government wishes to send to Juarez are especially equipped for the fighting of this nature, consul Lelevier said today. It would be easier to move these troops into the mountains country from Juarez, while the delay occasioned by an overland march from Sonora would enable Gen. Villa to strengthen his position.

#### GARDEN SEEDS

I understand that in nearly every postoffice in New Mexico there are many packages of garden seeds undelivered. I would respectfully request you to put a short notice in your valuable paper asking the postmaster to distribute such packages to any one to whom they would be of value, as of course there are persons who have been missed on my list.

You might also add that any person interested in such seeds might call on their postmaster, and he will be pleased to give them such as they can use.

Thanking you for your courtesy in the matter,

I am,  
Yours very truly,  
B. C. Hernandez,  
Congressman from New Mexico

The rain last night and this morning makes every land owner happy and those who are here from a distance looking for locations are in a good mood to buy. The real estate men are preparing for a big business the next few months and those who are not satisfied with this country need only to place their land for sale within the bounds of reason, and they will have no trouble of disposing of same. There has been quite a change within the past four years, and the knocker has gone for parts unknown. Read the ad. of the American Land Company in this issue. Mr. Adair, the secretary, has a fine auto at the disposal of anyone who wants to buy land, and he will gladly see you are well taken care of.

#### SHERIFF RETURNS PRISONER

Sheriff Ward returned Sunday with McCroan from southern Texas, where the prisoner was arrested. The preliminary will no doubt be waived and McCroan wait for the District Court to dish out his medicine for wrongdoing. There are a number of bad charges against him but issuing bad checks to the amount of several dollars will no doubt give him a ticket to Santa Fe.

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